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Get to Know Our Board of Directors

Each member of Eras Senior Network's Board of Directors has a deep connection to our mission and a strong desire to help our organization make an impact in the lives of older adults and adults with disabilities.

This month, learn more about our Board President, Angela King, CPA.



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Angela King, CPA

Director of Finance
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Board President Bio

Why did you choose to get involved with Eras Senior Network?

I have a passion for community involvement and community impact, and I am connected to the senior population in many ways. I have family caregiving responsibilities at home, and I am a National Social Security Advisor.

Who is a meaningful senior in your life and why?

Many family members and clients are special seniors to me, specifically, my grandmother. My grandmother is in her mid-70's, and continues to maintain her independence. She was recently diagnosed with cancer and has lost several close people to her due to various illnesses. I felt it very important to keep her close and connected with family and friends. We invited "gramma" to live with us, and have since noticed positive changes in her attitude, and lights in the grandkids' eyes when they talk about their experiences and daily memories with "gramma" will always be treasured.

Outside of your work and board service, how do you like to spend your time?

I enjoy traveling all over, with and without the kids, and photography. I'm looking forward to receiving my passport and scheduling some travels in the near future outside the US.

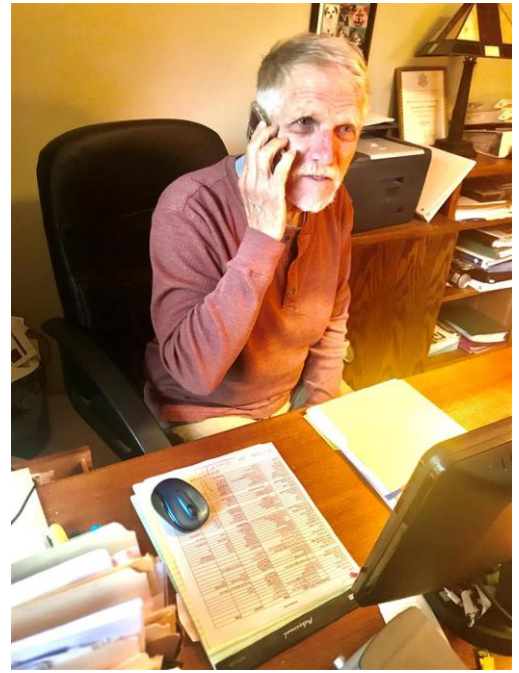


Volunteers Needed for Friendly Phone Call Program

As many of our student volunteers head home for the summer, our need for volunteers to make calls as a part of our Friendly Phone Call Program is growing.

The Friendly Phone Call Program seeks to decrease social isolation and create a sense of calmness to reassure our older adults and adults with disabilities that they are not alone. Though guidelines are constantly changing regarding COVID-19, the Friendly Phone Call Program allows clients a safe and consistent way to socially engage with others and combat loneliness.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact Marisa Strothenke at Marisa.Strothenke@Eras.org or (262) 522-2402.



Eras Senior Network June Client Newsletter

Check out this month's client newsletter which includes a message from our Milwaukee County Faith in Action Program Director, Sophia Franklin, information on how our clients can safely confirm services from Eras, a volunteer spotlight, and a note about building a world without elder abuse from our Executive Director, Kathy Gale.

Click [HERE](#) to view or see the attached PDF to read more.



Healing Spaces in the Harambee Neighborhood

Eras Senior Network is proud to announce a partnership with the Milwaukee Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation (NIDC) to help launch the Healing Spaces Initiative (HSI) in the Harambee neighborhood. Other community partners include Groundwork MKE, Safe & Sound and True Skool. The HSI is funded through a grant awarded to the NIDC by Bader Philanthropies, Inc.

The presence of these Healing Spaces will provide therapeutic areas for residents and community members to enjoy. The spaces will include pathways, benches, flower gardens, solar lights, and Little Free Libraries.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help create and maintain these spaces. For more information please contact Freda Wright, Program Manager for the Harambee Neighborhood, at 414-488-6927 or

Freda.Wright@eras.org

Join Us at This Year's Annual Tapestry Event and Fundraiser



Annual Tapestry Event and Fundraiser

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Live music starting at 5:30 PM | Program 6:00 - 7:00 PM



Our Annual Tapestry Event and Fundraiser will be going virtual again in 2021. We invite you to join us on September 30th for music, a short program, and two entertaining breakout sessions. Funds raised support the programs of Eras Senior Network, serving over 2,600 older adults and adults with disabilities in Milwaukee County and Waukesha County.

Online registration is free and available now! Click [HERE](#)

We are also seeking donations for our silent auction. Your support helps us ensure our programming is available for local seniors and adults with disabilities. Please click [HERE](#) for more details on how to donate to our auction.

Holiday Giving Program 2021

Even amid a pandemic, last year's Holiday Giving Program was a huge success! With so many generous donations from partners throughout Milwaukee County and Waukesha County, we were able to provide 890 low-income seniors with self-sufficiency care packages valued at \$60 each. These packages included gift cards to local grocery stores and pharmacies, a book of stamps and a hand-decorated holiday card.

We hope to continue bringing a bit of holiday cheer to clients in need this year with the help of the community and our local partners. Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, we will be mailing our gifts again this year and focusing on the most basic needs. Below is our wish list:

- Books of Forever Stamps
- \$10 Walgreens Gift Cards
- \$10 Pick 'n Save Gift Cards
- \$10 Walmart Gift Cards



Unwrapped items and money collected to purchase gifts are due by December 13th, 2021.

Mailing Your Donation: If you are able to mail your donation to us, please do so to help with social distancing. Donations of items or funds to purchase items can be mailed to:

Eras Senior Network (Attn: Becca Snow)
2607 N Grandview Blvd Suite 150
Waukesha, WI 53188

Dropping Off Your Donation or Scheduling a Pick-Up:

Waukesha County: Donations may be dropped off at our Waukesha office (same address as above) Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm. Please note, during this time, all visitors entering the office building and Eras suite are required to wear a face covering. We are happy to coordinate a curbside pick-up if you would prefer to remain in your vehicle.

Milwaukee County: Donations may be dropped off at our Milwaukee County office located in the YWCA between 9:00am and 5:00pm. Please reach out to Vanessa.Harris@Eras.org to schedule a time for your drop off. Please note, all guests entering the YWCA are asked to wear a mask at this time. We are happy to accommodate a curbside pick-up if you would prefer to stay in your vehicle.

Eras Senior Network c/o YWCA

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Thank you for your consideration in supporting our Holiday Giving Program! Please contact Becca Snow at (262) 522-2409 or Becca.Snow@Eras.org with any questions or click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Read Our 50 Plus News Magazine March Article: Building a World Without Elder Abuse



Each month, Eras Executive Director, Kathy Gale, shares an article with 50 Plus News Magazine. This month's article focuses on Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the article.

Important Information from our Partners

I Wish I Would Have Known...The Building Blocks of Dementia Caregiving

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The Milwaukee County DHHS-Division on Aging has partnered with the Alzheimer's Association to present "I Wish I Would Have Known...The Building Blocks of Dementia Caregiving", a virtual education series. There's still time to sign up for the remaining June sessions:

Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behavior, June 21, 2021 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CDT

Learn about some of the common triggers for behaviors associated with dementia, how to assess the person's needs, and how to intervene effectively.

Click [here](#) to register or call (800) 272-3900

Describe, Investigate, Create and Evaluate: The DICE Approach to Dementia Care, June 28, 2021, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CDT

Learn how to utilize evidence-based and environmental strategies to identify and develop a plan to address behaviors and psychological symptoms associated with dementia.

Click [here](#) to register or call (800) 272-3900

Can We Virtually Connect With You?

During this time, we are refraining from in-person meetings and presentations but would still love to connect with you!

- We are happy to present about our volunteer opportunities and services over Zoom. We are also now presenting our S.T.O.P. Senior Frauds and Scams presentation virtually.
- Would you like to talk one-on-one about how Eras Senior Network can provide support for older adults in your congregation or community group? We would be happy to set up a telephone or video call.



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